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FOR: MEDICAL EQUIPMENT :  
MANAGEMENT APPARATUS WHICH  
PREDICTS FUTURE STATUS OF  
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.